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WESLEYAN TODAY

GOOD GAME EXPECTED, BUT VARSITY IS IN POOR CONDITION

This afternoon the Varsity plays Wesleyan at Middletown, for the first time in the memory of the present generation included in our schedule. There are, accordingly, no old scores to be settled, tho it is expected that the team, smarting from the defeat by Rochester, will show a decided improvement.

Wesleyan's line this year is much heavier than it has been for several seasons past. Altho defeated by Norwich University, they held Yale to a score of 11-0, while Stevens and the University of Vermont have been decisively beaten by them. Wesleyan's practice this week has been devoted almost entirely to the development of the forward pass and onside kick, indicating that open play will figure prominently.

The condition of the Varsity is not altogether satisfactory. Injuries will take Drummond and Fiske out of the game, while Peters and Baldwin are not in the best of condition. Hastings, '10, and Gould, '11, will be taken on the trip. Getman, '11, will start the game at right end. Coach Pryor, altho not at all confident of victory, believes that the team has a fighting chance. The faults noted in the Rochester game have, to a large extent, been remedied and the system of defense perfected. The average weight of the Varsity is 157 pounds.

The probable line-up:

Wesleyan		Hamilton
Sutherland (Gillespie)	Left End	Burdick
Wilcox	Left Tackle	Baldwin
Smith	Left Guard	Glover (Capt.)
Mitchell	Center	Wheeler
Darling (Parkinson)	Right Guard	Wisehart
Joy (Bernhardt)	Right Tackle	Thompson
Boyd (Schlee)	Right End	A. Getman
Bacon	Quarterback	McGovern
Reynolds	Right Halfback	Harper
Wright (McCaffrey)	Left Halfback	Knox
Rice	Fullback	Sidle (Root)

Altho the arrangements to hold the game upon the day of the inauguration of Dr. Shanklin, '83, as President of Wesleyan University, have been altered, a large number of the Alumni and some undergraduates hold fast to their intention of being present. As many as possible of the Brooklyn Alumni will attend in a body to lend the Varsity their hearty support.

TRUSTEE MEETING

The Semi-annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the College was held in Truax Hall, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Those present were, United States Senator Elihu Root, *Chairman;* Hon. Charles A. Hawley, Seneca Falls; Dr. A. Norton Brockway, New York; Thomas D. Catlin, Ottawa, Ill.; George E. Dunham, Utica; Hamilton B. Tompkins, New York; Pres. M. W. Stryker; Alexander C. Soper, Lakewood, N. J.; Henry Harper Benedict, New York; Benjamin W. Arnold, Albany: Col. William Cary Sanger, Sangerfield, Samuel F. Engs, New York; Samuel H. Adams, Auburn; Hon. Frederick W. Griffith, Palmyra; Rev. Dr. David Wills, jr., Oswego; Justice Abel E. Blackmar, Brooklyn.

The President made an informal report with reference to the existing conditions on the Hill. In the absence of Mr. Rogers, who was detained at his home by illness, Mr. Adams reported for the Treasurer. There were reports from various committees.

Then followed an extended and interesting discussion about various matters of importance to the College and its affairs, the entire afternoon being taken up by the meeting. Numerous suggestions and recommendations were discussed. The general outlook was optimistic, the College appearing to be in excellent condition.

To the Editor of LIFE:

The Press Association wishes to acknowledge the gift of $25 from Hamilton LIFE, and expresses its appreciation of the interest shown by the LIFE Board in this work.

R. RENWICK, '10, *President.*

ROCHESTER WINS

GAME A GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT

VARSITY GAINED GROUND BUT COULD NOT SCORE

In a game, in which the Varsity again displayed its utter inability to cope with tricky football tactics, Rochester defeated Hamilton last Saturday by the score of 17 to 5. From a Hamilton standpoint, the game was a severe set-back, not alone because the College had been counting on revenging themselves for last year's defeat, but because, to the critical spectator and student of football, the best team lost.

Thruout the contest the Hamilton team gained many yards, making first downs almost at will thru the Rochester line until under the very shadow of the goal posts, where the attack seemed to lose its power. Four times during the game it seemed that Hamilton must batter its way across the last chalk mark, but the quarters either chose the wrong plays, the backs lost their early stamina, or fumbled.

The Rochester team, let it be said to its credit, was ever on the alert to take advantage of the Buff and Blue's weaknesses and profit by their mistakes. They were unable to gain consistently at any time during the contest, but with rare judgment their quarter called for delayed pass plays at just the right moment, and the backs would go racing down the field for a touchdown. On one occasion McDonald, on a delayed pass, shot thru the very center of the Hamilton line and, easily dodging away from the half-hearted attempts of the Hamilton defensive backs to tackle him, sped almost the length of the field for the first score of the game.

Aside from their delayed pass plays and a forward pass formation, which once or twice netted slight gains, Rochester was very weak. Their open defense formation yielded easily to the line-bucking onslaughts of the Hamilton backs, altho it effectually put a stop to all wide plays. With a little more power and judgment, the Varsity should have scored many times. On its regular offensive plays, Rochester could make but little impression on the Hamilton defense, except for one long

end run, which put them in line for their second score.

On the other hand, Hamilton at times displayed the best offense she has shown for some years and irresistibly swept up the field only to be halted by poor judgment or a fumble. The Varsity made at least three times as many first downs as did Rochester, but when Rochester did make a gain they either scored a touchdown or followed it up for a great advantage. The luck of the game was certainly with Rochester, but their victory should in no way dishearten the team.

The game in detail:

With the wind against them, Rochester kicked off to Hamilton, defending the west goal. Peters received the ball and brought it back 10 yards. After an ineffectual attempt to buck the line, Drummond punted short, the ball going out of bounds. An exchange of punts then took place, and finally Hamilton started to buck the line for more than half the distance of the field. Bucks off tackle and fine plunging by Sidle and Harper made three first downs and then Drummond got off a long punt to Rochester's 5-yard line. They came back slowly and could not gain consistently. An onside kick finally netted 10 yards and a forward pass failed. Cross bucks and a fake punt formation gave them one first down, but Cox punted to Harper, who came back 15 yards.

With the back field working like a machine, Hamilton started to take the ball for more than half the length of the field, and when 35 yards from the goal line Drummond attempted a goal from the field, which missed by a matter of a few inches. Rochester put the ball in play on the 25-yard line and after a cross buck failed, McDonald got away on a fake for a 70-yard run for a touchdown.

Drummond kicked off to Rochester and they immediately punted to McGovern, who came back for a good gain. Bucking again were the tactics adopted by Hamilton, and with the ball on Rochester's 15-yard line they fumbled. Rochester drove a long high punt with the wind and the ball rolled out of McGovern's reach. He recovered it and ran back to the center of the field with a beautiful sprint, and after a couple of plays Hamilton punted. Rochester blocked it and secured the ball out of bounds after it had rolled to about the 20-yard line. There a cross buck gave the Yellow 5 yards, and then on a fake buck McDonald took the ball over for a sceond touchdown and Cox kicked the goal.

Shortly after this time was called.

Drummond kicked the ball across the goal line in the second half and Rochester put it in play on the 25-yard line. In this half, the speed of the Rochester team was evident, as was their advantage over Hamilton in the matter of a full repertoire of plays. Fakes and involved formations were used until finally Rochester recovered a punt that rolled to Hamilton's 8-yard line and shoved Pray over in three bucks, altho it was a question as to whether the ball really crossed the line. A few moments later Wheeler recovered the ball on a blocked punt and ran with it across the line, several Rochester men hanging to him. This was the only score for Hamilton.

The line-up:

Rochester		Hamilton
Doyle	Left End	Burdick
Keigler	Left Tackle	Baldwin
Frapwell	Left Guard	Glover (Capt.)
Abbott	Center	Wheeler
Williams (Slater)	Right Guard	Wisehart
Ward	Right Tackle	Drummond
Melen	Right End	Peters
Joy	Quarterback	McGovern (Getman)
Cox	Left Halfback	Knox
McDonald (Brown)	Right Halfback	Harper
Pray (Capt.)	Fullback	Sidle (Root)

Referee, Ward, Princeton; Umpire, Henderson, Syracuse; Head Linesman, Roberts, Tufts.

Halves, 20 and 25 minutes.

THE WORLD AND 1909

The College has now resumed its accustomed routine and nearly a third of the year has passed. Yet there is a vacancy which cannot easily be filled—the Class of 1909 is gone. Their interests are many and varied, and it may be of interest to the College to know what the Seniors of last year are doing.

Many of the members of the class are teaching, and are located as follows: Conklin, at the Lawrenceville Preparatory School; Leavenworth, at Auburn; Lewis, at Mt. Upton; Thomas, at Philadelphia; Babcock, at Camden; Brome, at Dover, Del.; Mangus, at Batavia; Quinn, at the Stanford Military Academy, Stanford, Ct.; and Sabine, at Bellefonte, Pa.

As usual, a large part of the graduates are engaged in some kind of business. Bryant is in the fruit business in Chicago; while Butler is located in New York; Doherty, in Buffalo; Figgles, in Syracuse; MacGarry, in Boston: Marriott, in Philadelphia; H. P. Osborn, in Pasadena, Cal.; Hopkins, in Auburn; Kazenstein, in Hancock; Plumb, in Red Creek; Kneeland is with the Canadian Fairbanks Co., at Montreal; Love is employed by the Houghton, Mifflin Co., in New York; Morgan is in the real estate business in Providence, R. I.; Hatfield is with the State Survey at Mt. Morris; Roenke is in the employment of the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Co., at Rochester; Willoughby is in Utica; Worden, at Ilion; and Wallace in the Herkimer National Bank.

The colleges and universities claim an unusually large number of last year's Seniors. Baum is in Munich, Germany, where he is doing graduate work in Greek, having won the Locke Fellowship; Day and Appleton are studying dentistry in Pennsylvania; Rudd is at Oxford, doing special work in English literature; Smyth, the Root Fellow, is specializing in chemistry in Berlin; Blodgett is at Syracuse, studying medicine.

Several of the men are preparing for the ministry. Evans and Spencer are in the Auburn Theological Seminary, while Krumbholz is at the Mt. Airy Theological Seminary, Philadelphia. Rifenbark is studying in the General Theological Seminary, New York, and Wililams already has a charge in Wales, Wis. The embryotic lawyers are five in number—McLean is studying in the New York Law School; Truax, who is taking a special course in philosophy at Columbia, is studying law at the same place; Bullion is at Columbia; A. S. Evans, at the Albany Law School; and Wilcox is reading Blackstone in Scranton, Pa.

A. F. Osborn, Welch and Woollcott are doing newspaper work. Osborn is on the Buffalo *Times*, Welch is a valued contributor to the New York *Sun*, and Woollcott is on the staff of the New York *Times*.

Only two of the graduates are as yet unsettled as to what they will do. Wilson is travelling in the west, where he expects to locate in business, and Birmingham is at home in Paris, N. Y.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Cross Country Meet with Colgate will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The start will be made in front of the Sigma Phi Hall, whence the contestants will take a circuit of about five miles, ending in front of Emerson Hall. Captain Knox and Renwick, '10, Bates and Eggleston, '12, will run for Hamilton. Colgate's team is not positively known, but it is stated that Bezant will run for the Maroon.

One week from today the Varsity Cross Country Team will run against Union at Schenectady.

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TODAY THE VARSITY PLAYS Wesleyan on the latter's Campus. Whether it wins or loses, the College may be sure that the men will have done their best—and that is what the student-body expects of a Hamilton team.

The score will be bulletined this evening in the lobby of the Hotel Martin.

ANOTHER OF HAMILTON'S loyal and famous sons has passed away. The last services were held over the remains of WALSTEIN ROOT, '90, in the Chapel on the old Campus where so many of the happy days of his life were spent, and the preparation made for his life work. He was buried in the shadow of his College home. As a journalist, his work as correspondent during our war with Spain made him famous. We were proud of him in life, and, having gone, the College honors his memory.

AT A MEETING OF THE LIFE Board held during the past week, it was decided to change the day of issue from Saturday, as is the custom at the present time, to Tuesday. The need for such a change has been long apparent. Most of our athletic contests and other activities occur on Saturday, or the latter part of the week, which makes a delay of a week necessary before an account of them can be published. By issuing the publication on the newly selected date, news can be printed when it is news, and not when it is a week old. There is, and has been, no real reason for using Saturday as a date of publication, and, after discussion by the Board, Tuesday appeared to be a much better day. LIFE hopes that the innovation will meet with the approval of the College.

IT OUGHT TO BE NO LONGER necessary to call the attention of the Freshmen to the observance of the niceties of personal conduct which have passed into tradition here long before any of us were Freshmen. It seems that good advice is given to the entering class in liberal measure at the opening of the year, and as liberally disregarded for all time. Periodic plaints regarding the dumbness and blindness of the youngest class have filled these columns too often to be either novel or pleasing. But the fact remains that the Freshmen seem unable to articulate the word "Hello," and that this inability extends to recognizing members of the Faculty or student-body, and to showing them the measure of respect that is their due. These may seem altogether trivial, but they are matters of tradition on this Hill. And there is no place where tradition is held in more respect. There should be no further occasion for long-distant prods.

FROM PRESENT INDICATIONS it would seem that the annually arranged but never played Sophomore-Freshman football game will again die of the same disease which has afflicted it in former years—lack of interest in intermural sports. Of course, the cause may lie with one of the two under classes—inferring that one of the teams is afraid to lose its prestige by jeopardizing its athletic prowess in a football game. We are inclined to think there is something, more fundamental, a cause of the trouble. If there was a general feeling in the student-body that intermural sports are interesting and worth while, "cold feet" on the part of one of the contesting teams would not prevent the contest. We believe that there is enough upperclassman authority in Hamilton to accomplish the success of any activity which the College really wants. Far be it from the purpose of LIFE to accuse either of the under classes in the present case with a lack of red blood. Our intention is simply to try to get at the basis of the difficulty, and hence every possible cause must be considered. Last year a Director of Intermural Sports was elected for this very purpose—to stimulate interclass activities. This department has been endeavoring to arrange the game in question, but seems unable to have any success. Again, we would say that neither are we criticising this department. It was with difficulty that the Tennis Tournament was carried thru to the finish, altho this has proved the best sport for intermural activity.

There is only one conclusion to draw—the difficulty does not lie with any department, with any class, or group. The trouble is far more fundamental than that. It is in the spirit of our modern college athletic system. The athletics of today have an entirely different purpose than that for which they were originally intended. Instead of indulging in athletics for pleasure, we only play and support them to win—to humble some rival institution. The spirit of sport and exercise has long since passed away. We are, then, forced to the conclusion that intermural sports will be a failure in this or any other College, as long as our present ideas prevail.

What, then, is the aim of this comment? It is this. Granted that such a spirit does exist, it must be a general opinion that it is not the proper idea for the American undergraduate to hold. Hence, we should do our best to overcome it in our own College. Nowhere is there a better place and opportunity for a reformation. We are small in numbers, and hence intermural activity would be that of hearty good fellowship. Let us have our intercollegiate athletics, support them and put forth our best efforts to make them successful. But also, let us strive to conceive a wholesome rivalry within the College. That cannot help but make our life among ourselves better, and ought to develop better teams to represent the College in the athletic world. Thus, altho we will be striving to give a new stimulus to our intermural activities, ultimately the intercollegiate side will be improved and strengthened to a great extent. That should be a goal worth striving for, and should enlist the aid of every man in the student body. It is worth consideration—and, LIFE hopes, action.

—In honor of the visiting team there will be a Smoker in Middletown tonight. An informal talk will be given by Dr. Arnold Shanklin, '83 Wesleyan's new President.

—Fiske, '10, and Drummond, '12, will both be out of the game for some time, the former with a sprained tendon, which will keep him from playing for two or three weeks. Drummond's injury consists of a badly wrenched shoulder, which he received in the Rochester game. While not so serious, it will prevent his playing for some time and he has gone to his home in Auburn to recuperate for the Union game.

FUNERAL OF WALSTEIN ROOT

Walstein Root, '90, the second son of the late Professor Oren Root, '56, died in a Chicago hospital on October 17th, after a long, vain fight against tuberculosis.

From the time of his graduation until after the Spanish War, Mr. Root was with the New York *Sun,* where his wonderful character and real journalistic ability won him many friends. Later, he was on the Evening *World,* until he was compelled to go west for his health.

Simple funeral services were held in the College Chapel, Wednesday afternoon. Dr. Stryker officiated, and the College Choir sang. Besides the family, many Clinton friends and undergraduates were present. Interment was in the College Cemetery. The following bearers were chosen from the classmates and friends of Mr. Root: Professor A. A. Moore, '90, of Princeton University; Delos DeW. Smyth, '90, of Utica; Samuel H. Adams, '91, of Auburn; George M. Weaver, jr., '91, of Utica; H. J. Cookinham, jr., '96, of Utica; Mr. Willis, of New York.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The Tennis Tournament is nearly finished, only three matches remaining to be played; one in the third round between Getman, '10, and Allen, '11; one in the semi-finals, between Day, '11, and the winner of the Getman-Allen match; and the finals, which will be fought out between Woods, '13, who has reached the last stage by defeating Hemenway, and the winner of the matches just mentioned.

The results of the third round matches played this week are as follows: Day, '11, from Hallock, '12, 6-0, 6-2; Woods, '13, from Getman, '11, 6-1, 6-4; Hemenway, '10, from Deimel, '10, 6-0, 6-0. In the semi-finals, Woods won his match from Hemenway by the score 6-2, 8-6. The remaining matches will be played the first part of next week, weather permitting.

—Prof. Fitch entertained the Senior and Junior members of the Greek class at dinner on Wednesday evening last.

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HILL NOTES

—The Hamiltonian trade advertisements can be procured of Evans, '10.

—H. O. White, '08, who has been at the Raybrook Sanitarium for the past year, is convalescing.

—A tax of twenty-five cents has been levied upon the members of the Freshman class to defray the expenses of "Paint" night.

—The speaking order in the Wednesday Chapel will be reversed, the Freshmen hereafter speaking first, the Sophomores next, and Juniors third.

—President Stryker attended the Annual Meeting of the Presbyterian Synod at Johnstown last Friday, where he spoke on the present Sunday School System.

—The price of the 1910 Hamiltonian has been reduced to $1.00. All who wish to subscribe now may do so by seeing Manager Cross, or any member of the Board.

—"Uncle John" is already planning for a Gym. Show to be held during the early part of March. He also announces that the physical examinations of the Freshmen will be completed in the near future.

—The late Mohonk Conference on International Arbitration offers a prize of $100 for the best essay on international arbitration, submitted by any undergraduate of any American college or university.

—President Stryker, Dr. Brandt, and Dr. Shearer attended the installation of Colgate's new president last Wednesday. At the ceremony, the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters was conferred upon Dr. Brandt. Six other doctorate degrees were conferred at the same time.

—Standing in the Freshman LIFE competition is as follows, and includes only the past three issues: Porter, Stone, Blackmar, Batchelor, Lyon, Clark, Dewey, Hahn, Rodger, Wheelock, Ingersoll, Burns, Cross, Groves, Simonds, North, Wassung.

—Knox, '10, is trying to arrange a series of lectures to be given by graduates who have been successful in their chosen professions. The general theme of the lectures will be, "How to Choose a Profession." They will be conducted under auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

—A large number of Alumni were in attendance at the Rochester game. Among them were: Fitch, '81, Millham, '01, Drummond, '02, VanAllen, '02, Carmer, '03, Knox, Lown, '04, Williams, '08, Reed, Lyon, ex-'08, Roenke, Mangus, and Willoughby, '09.

—The regular classes in Bible Study will begin tomorrow under the leadership of Knox, Judson and McNair, '10, and Martin, '11. It is proposed this year to divide the different classes into groups of eight to ten. They will discuss some moral question connected with church life.

—On November 13th, Dr. Arnold Shanklin, a graduate of Hamilton in the class of '83, will be installed as President of Wesleyan University. The inauguration of Dr. Shanklin was to have occurred today, at which the Hamilton-Wesleyan game was intended to be one of the principal features.

—Prof. Davenport made an address before the League of Civic Clubs in Rochester, Monday evening, October 18th, on the subject of Direct Nominations. He dwelt chiefly on the defects in the Direct Primary Laws of other states and showed wherein the Hinman-Green Bill was an improvement over them.

—An entertainment which will be of interest to the men in College has been arranged by G. Floyd King for Wednesday evening, November third, at Scollard Opera House. Miss Louise Hinds will recite. The other entertainers are Henry W. Rowley, baritone, Edward Elliott, pianist. Seats are now on sale at King's store.

—The College Y. M. C. A. has started an evening school for Italians at 104 Elizabeth Street, Utica, under the supervision of President Knox. It is the purpose of the association to provide opportunity for Italian children to become better citizens of America by making them thoroly acquainted with American principles. It is earnestly desired that all men who are willing to aid in this work offer their services to Knox, '10,

—Last Tuesday, in the Second Presbyterian Church at New Hartford, occurred the marriage of William A. Soper, '08, of Chicago, to Miss Elizabeth Clark Ogden, of New Hartford. James Cary Cody, '08, of Vernon, was best man and the ushers were Rev. Willard Soper, '04, of Brooklyn, Sheldon Judson, '08, of Cambridge, Mass., and George Ogden, of Utica.

—Alumni who have visited the Hill during the past week include the following: Catlin, '57, Brockway, '57, Tompkins, '65, Soper, '67, Gouge, '70, Dorrance, '72, Blackmar, '74, Bristol, '82, Engs, '83, Root, '83, Warren, '84, Griffith, '86, Smyth, '90, Moore, '90, Adams, '91, Weaver, '91, Root, '94, Williams, '97, Butler, '98, Merwin, '99, Johnson, '00, Jones, '03, Soper, '04, Gilbert, '07, Cody, '08, Judson, '08, Soper, '08, Pratt, '08, Blodgett, '09.

TODAY'S GAMES

Today some of the best football games of the season will be played. Those of most importance to the College, excepting the game with Wesleyan, are the Union-Rochester and Rutgers-Chicago Medical games. The other important games scheduled are as follows:

Army-Lehigh	at West Point
Bowdoin-Holy Cross	at Worcester
Brown-Harvard	at Cambridge
Bucknell-U. of W. Va.	at Morgantown
Carlisle-U. of Pitts.	at Pittsburgh
Cornell-Vermont	at Ithaca
Dartmouth-Amherst	at Amherst
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Mass. State-Williams	at Williamstown
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